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SUBJ: SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE FACILITIES

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. DURING MY CALL AUGUST 18 ON UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TRIPP
SUBJECT CAME UP OF SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE FACILITIES NOW UNDER
UK CONTROL. TRIPP EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT THESE FACILITIES
WOULD BE RELEASED TO SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT BY HMG.

2. I MENTIONED THAT I HAD HEARD THERE MAY BE SOME INTEREST
AMONG UK DEFENSE OFFICIALS ON HOLDING ON TO THESE FACILITIES,
POSSIBLY UNDER CIVILIAN MANAGEMENT, TO WHICH TRIPP (WHO WAS
EVIDENTLY FAMILIAR WITH SUCH A POSITION) RESPONDED IT WAS
HIS OPINION THAT THIS REPRESENTED SPECIAL LEADING BY INDIVIDUALS
ON DEFENSE SIDE ONLY. HE HAD HEARD NOTHING TO THE CONTRARY
FROM THE FCO.

3. TRIPP ALSO MENTIONED THAT BRITISH MILITARY HERE HAD ASKED
HIM TO TAKE A NUMBER OF MILITARY POSITIONS UNDER WING OF UK
HIGH COMMISSION AFTER UK FORCES WITHDRAW. HIS REPLY HAD BEEN
THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FCO HE COULD DO
NOTHING. HOLDRIDGE
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